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SUBJ: SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION
OF MINORITIES, AUGUST 18 - AGENDA ITEM 10: QUESTION OF
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS INCLUDING
POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION OF
APARTHEID

1. DURING A.M. MEETING BRANIMIR JANKOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA)
OPENED DEBATE ON SUBJECT ITEM BY URGING THAT WIDE PRBLICITY
BE GIVEN TO THE REPORT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON "THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA"
(E/CN.4/122). DURING RECENT HEARINGS IN LONDON THE WG
HAD LEARNED THAT MANY MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAD DISAPPEARED
OR BEEN KILLED AND ENTIRE VILLAGES HAD DISAPPEARED IN
NORTHERN NAMIBIA.

2. EVIDENTLY ANTICIPATING NGO REPORTS OF HR VIOLATIONS IN
LATIN AMERICA, EXPERT MARTINEZ COBO (ECUADOR) ACCUSED
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NGO'S OF YIELDING THEIR TIME ILLEGALLY TO POLITICAL AGITATORS
WHO ATTACKED SMALL WEAK GOVERNMENTS NEVER THE BIG POWERS.
HE ALLEGED THAT THESE SPEAKERS WERE NOT MEMBERS OF NGO'S
BUT PAID PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS WHO WANTED TO CHANGE
RESOLUTION 1503. IN RAMBLING SPEECH HE SAID S-C WAS BE-
COMING POLITICALIZED AND CAUTIONED NGO REPS TO ACT IN A
SERIOUS RESPONSIBLE WAY. THEODOOR VAN BOVEN, DIRECTOR OF

THE HRD ASSURED THE S-C THAT THE SECT CHECKED TO SEE IF NGO REPS MET REQUIREMENTS UNDER ECOSOC PROVISIONS AND ONLY AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS WERE PERMITTED TO SPEAK.

3. NAVARRO RICHARDSON (NICARAGUA) SUPPORTED MARTINEX COBO WHILE MME QUESTIAUX (FRANCE) EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PLURALIST IN-PUT WAS NEEDED IN ORDER TO ASSESS ALLEGED HR VIOLATIONS. IN HER OPINION IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE S-C TO HEAR THE NGO'S BUT PROTECT RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED COUNTRY WITH THE STRONG PROCEDURES ADOPTED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHREIBER (BELGIUM) NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CRITICISM OF ECUADOR SAID S-C MUST BEAR IN MIND THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY NGO'S. COMMENTING THAT NO SCANDALS HAD ARISEN FROM NGO PARTICIPATION, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO INTERVENE WHEN NECESSARY.

4. ALEJANDRO ARTUCIO OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ) SPOKE MAINLY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. WITHOUT IDENTIFYING ANY STATES BY NAME HE COMMENTED ON THE STRIKING SIMILARITIES IN SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED MILITARY REGIMES. EVEN IN THOSE STATES WHICH BY TRADITION WERE DEMOCRATIC, DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN DECLARED OBSOLETE. THE NEW FORM OF SOCIETY IS NATIONAL SECURITY OR A STATE OF EMERGENCY. UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE ARMED FORCES ARE USED TO CONTROL STATE AFFAIRS WITH INDIVIDUAL SECURITY SUSPENDED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARTUCIO MENTIONED ECUADOR AND PERU AS COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT HAVE THE CONCEPT OF NATIONAL SECURITY. BOTH, HE SAID, MAINTAINED FULL REIGN OF LAW.

5. PATRICK MONTGOMERY (ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY) SPOKE ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE KURDS. WITHOUT MENTIONING IRAQ, MONTGOMERY PAINTED GRIM PICTURE OF MUTILATION AND TORTURE PRESUMABLY UNDER INTERROGATION. HE ALLEGED THAT SOME 300,000 KURDS HAD BEEN DISPOSSESSED AND DEPORTED TO THE SOUTH OF IRAQ. A REQUEST THAT A REP OF THE ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY VISIT THE KURDS HAS, TO DATE, NOT BEEN GRANTED.

6. BEN WHITAKER (U.K.) CRITICIZED HIS COUNTRY FOR ITS DECISION IN A BLASPHEMY CASE AS A LIMITATION OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE CASES OF "MINOR TORTURE" IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WHITAKER, NOTING THAT HR VIOLATIONS ARE FOUND ON ALL CONTINENTS UNDER ALL POLITICAL SYSTEMS, CITED SOUTHERN AFRICA, UGANDA, CHILE, CUBA, PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS HAVING POOR HR RECORDS. HE COMPLIMENTED INDIA FOR ITS RETURN TO DEMOCRACY AND MENTIONED THE NEW ENTHUSIASM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE OAS PERHAPS IGNITED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S CHAMPIONING OF THE ISSUE. HE CITED THE GDR AS

EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHERE HR VIOLATIONS CONTINUED.

7. OULD SIDI (MAURITANIA) EXPLAINED THAT MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO HAD FOLLOWED A LEGAL PROCESS BY IMPLEMENTING THE RELEVANT UN RESOLUTOIONS AND THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN HELPING REFUGEES IN THE SHARA RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES.VANDEN HEUVEL

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